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1. During the last four or five years the maintenance of Polish ships has steadily deteriorated. This is mainly due to the shortage of qualified engineers afloat and to the growing custom of trying to exceed the norm without due regard to the engine capabilities. 25X1
2. Boiler trouble seems to be the main cause of ships being laid up for repair. This has reached such a stage that an "Energetics expert" (główny energetyk) has been appointed by the Polish Ministry of Shipping to carry out research into the main causes of breakdowns.
3. This man has been carrying out his research for a year or so and his recommendations are just beginning to be implemented.
4. The expert's recommendations do not seem to go beyond the use of water softeners to prevent furring of boilers and pipes, and it is not expected that this will lead to any great improvement.

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